

**Town of Amherst
Planning Commission Minutes
May 2, 2012**

A meeting of the Town of Amherst Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson June Driskill in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 7:30 PM on May 2, 2012. It was noted that a quorum was present as indicated below:

P June Driskill	P William Jones
A Ted Finney	A Steve LaBar
P William Hathaway	P Richard Wydner
P Clifford Hart	

Town Manager Jack Hobbs was present in his capacity as Secretary to the Commission.

The minutes of the March 7, 2012 Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Hart, and carried 5-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye	William Jones	Aye
Ted Finney	Absent	Steve LaBar	Absent
William Hathaway	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

Variance Application Review: Booth - 192 S. Main Street

After noting that §18.1-1006.02 of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance indicates that the Planning Commission "may consider the proposed request and may present its recommendations to the Board of Zoning Appeals, or appear as a party at the hearing" in these matters, the Secretary gave a report on a variance application that will be the subject of a Board of Zoning Appeals hearing on May as follows:

The application by M&M Properties involves property located at 192 S. Main Street (TM#96A4-3-F), zoned Central Business District CBC for

1. a variance to Section 18.1-804 of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. If approved, an addition to an existing building could be built up to the side property lines instead of maintaining a 25' separation between the proposed construction and a lot on which a residence exists, and
2. a variance to Section 18.1-602.06i of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. If approved, no parking spaces will be required for the existing building or the proposed expansion.

Paul Kilgore came forward on behalf of the applicant to explain the history of the property, the proposed use and construction, and various aspects of the proposed variances.

Mr. Hart made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner to recommend that the Board of Zoning Appeals approve the proposal as requested. The motion carried 5-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye	William Jones	Aye
Ted Finney	Absent	Steve LaBar	Absent
William Hathaway	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

The Secretary reported that on April 11 the Town Council approved the ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission on March 7.

The Secretary reported that the Town Council is sponsoring a project to collect ideas on how to improve the downtown area and that a public meeting on this is scheduled for May 8.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM on a motion by Mr. Hathaway that was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried 5-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye	William Jones	Aye
Ted Finney	Absent	Steve LaBar	Absent
William Hathaway	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest: _____